

AMENDMENT**In the Claims:**

Please amend claim 47 as follows:

47. (Twice Amended) A method of treatment for a disease, wherein the disease is selected from the group consisting of atherosclerosis, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, retinopathy, cataract formation, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, Huntington's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, 21 trisomy, and hypertension, wherein the method comprises administering a replication defective, recombinant adenovirus comprising a DNA sequence which encodes a superoxide dismutase, [that is capable of regulating] which regulates superoxide dismutase activity, wherein the DNA sequence is under the control of a signal enabling expression in a target cell, to a patient suffering from such a disease.

REMARKS**Status of the Claims**

Claims 47 and 61-82 are pending. Claim 47 has been amended in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim subject matter which Applicants regard as their invention, and to put the claim in condition for allowance. No new matter has been added.

Summary of the Examiner's Office Action

The Office Action dated July 6, 1998 includes the following matters requiring response:

- (1) Rejection of claims 47, 61-65, 67 and 69-81 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Coyle et al. in view of Greenberger;
- (2) Rejection of claims 66 and 82 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Coyle et al. in view of Greenberger and Englehardt et al.;